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1. ARABIC LANGUAGE ABILITY WOULD BE AN EXTREMELY USEFUL TOOL FOR RSO CAIRO, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREAS OF INVESTIGATIONS AND POLICE LIAISON, AND WE IMAGINE THIS WOULD BE TRUE AT MOST ARAB POSTS. WE NOTE THAT REF A DOES NOT DESIGNATE ANY RSO POSITIONS FOR ARABIC LANGUAGE. OBVIOUSLY IF A/SY DEVOTES THE TIME TRAINING RSO'S IN A HARD LANGUAGE THEN IT MUST MAKE A DETERMINATION THAT THESE RSO'S WILL SPEND THE MAJORITY OF THEIR OVERSEAS CAREERS AT POSTS WHERE THEY WOULD USE ARABIC. IN THIS DAY AND AGE, IN THE MIDDLE EAST, ARABIC IS AN ASSET EACH RSO SHOULD HAVE BUT THIS WOULD REQUIRE A/SY DECISION TO DESIGNATE MOST RSO POSITIONS IN AREA AS ARABIC LANGUAGE AND TO UNDERTAKE RATHER EXTENSIVE PROGRAM IN ARABIC LANGUAGE TRAINING.

WM RSO SUPPORTS DESIGNATING CAIRO AS A LANGUAGE DESIGNATED POST. CHARGE CONCURS.
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